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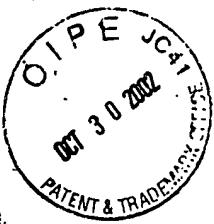
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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Once Amended) A method for [competitive] bidding by vendors of customized goods or services, comprising steps of:

receiving a vendor record [from at least one of said vendors], said vendor record having [a] vendor identifier data representing a vendor, and a vendor capability data identifying a capability of said vendor to provide a customized goods or services;



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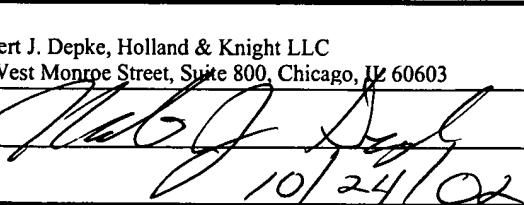
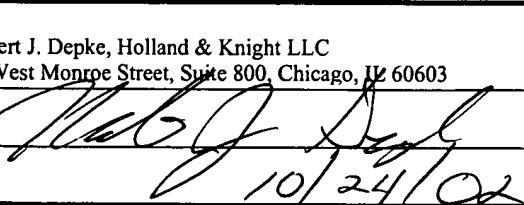
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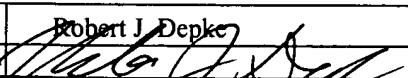
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